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FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF A MOBILE LONG RANGE COMMUNICATIONS SET
SOVIET COMMUNICATIONS SITE NUMBER 1 QABUN, SYRIA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: MOBILE HIGH FREQUENCY (HF) COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF LINKING DAMASCUS AND MOSCOW WAS IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SYRIA ON IMAGERY _____ (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: ONE R-136 MOBILE, LONG RANGE, HF COMMUNICATIONS SET WAS IDENTIFIED AT SOVIET COMMUNICATIONS SITE NUMBER 1, QABUN IN NORTHERN SUBURBAN DAMASCUS. THE R-136 SET, PRESENT SINCE AT LEAST _____ CONSISTS OF FOUR ZIL-131 VAN TRUCKS AND USES HORIZONTAL DIPOLES AND SLOPING V ANTENNAS TO PROVIDE LONG RANGE COMMUNICATIONS. PARK DRIVE MOBILE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SETS ARE NORMALLY DEPLOYED WITH MOBILE, LONG RANGE, HF COMMUNICATIONS SETS, AND ONE PARK DRIVE SET HAS BEEN AT THIS FACILITY SINCE JULY 1982. (SWN)

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OTHER EQUIPMENT OBSERVED INCLUDED THREE BTR-60 PA COMMAND VEHICLES, ONE PROBABLE R-140 COMMUNICATIONS VEHICLE, ONE R-405 RADIO VAN TRUCK, AND EIGHT R-100/-400 SERIES RADIO VAN TRUCKS. ONE BUILDING-MOUNTED, PROBABLE R-400/-404 AND TWO STICK MASTS WERE ALSO PRESENT. (SWN)

ANALYST'S COMMENTS--THE R-136 SET, THE PARK DRIVE SET, AND THE OTHER EQUIPMENT OBSERVED HERE FORM A SOVIET INDEPENDENT SIGNAL UNIT THAT IS PROBABLY IN SUPPORT OF THE MILITARY ADVISOR GROUP GARRISONED HERE. (SWN) _____

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3. _____ COORDINATES 33-32-50N 036-20-12E (S)

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